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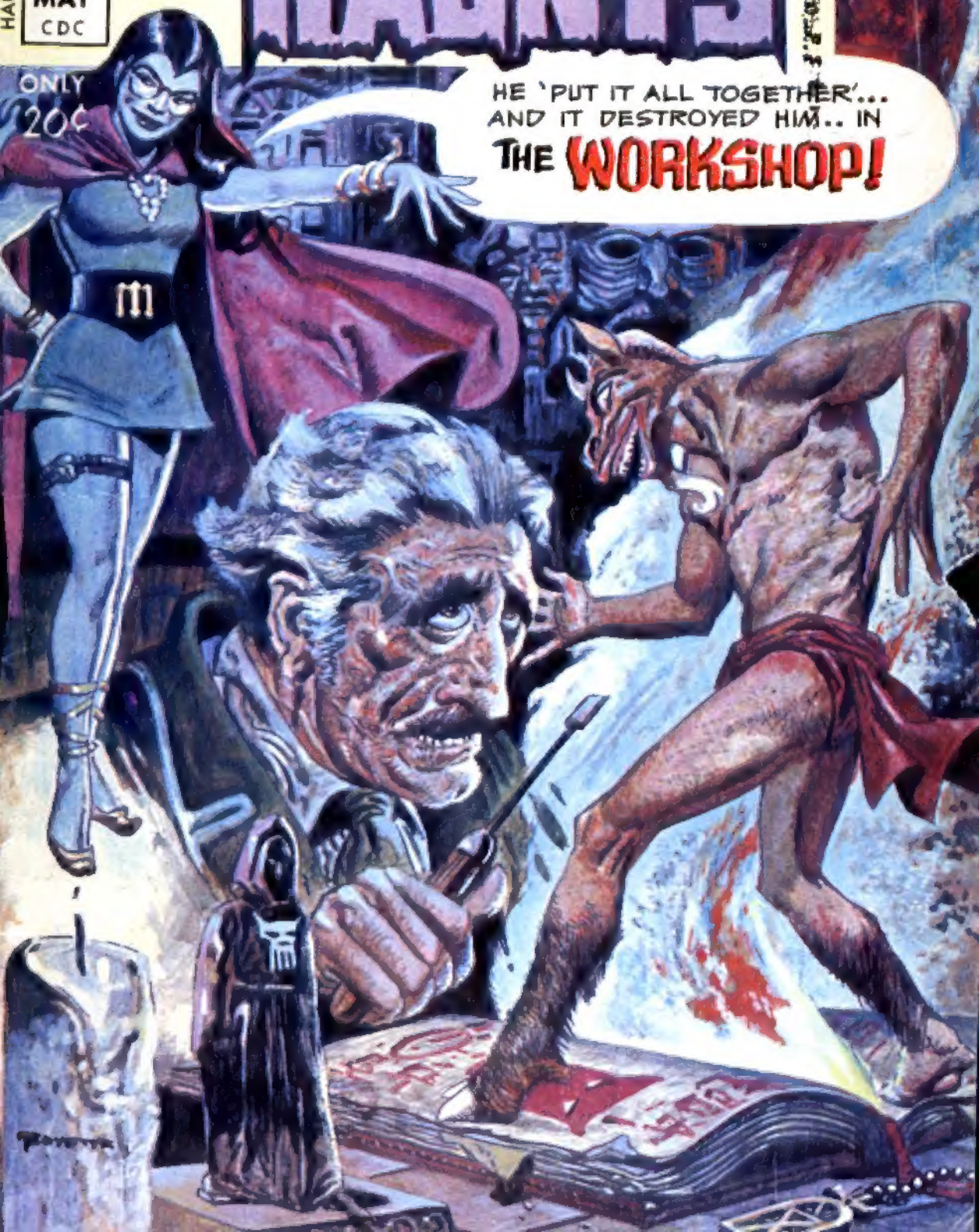
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THE INDIAN TRIBES IN THE NORTHWEST HAVE LONG TOLD STORIES DURING THE LONG, BITTER WINTER NIGHTS... OF MYSTERIOUS MAN-LIKE CREATURES INHABITING THE DISTANT UPPER SLOPES OF THE NORTHERN ROCKIES! THE INDIANS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THE HUGE FUR-COVERED CREATURES WERE AMAZINGLY DETAILED... AND THEY WERE CONSISTENTLY THE SAME...



SHETABI!



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SCIENTISTS STUDYING THE ECOLOGY OF THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST CONVERSED WITH THESE PRIMITIVE TRIBES AND...

THIS IS THE TRIBE WHICH HAS REPORTED SEEING MORE SHETABI THAN ANY OTHER, LEW!



I AM LEW RYNUS, CHIEF... DR. HOGUE AND I WANT TO VISIT HERE AWHILE.

YOU STAY, THERE IS MUCH FOOD AND TIME FOR TALK-TALK!



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IN HIS NATIVE TONGUE, THE HUNTER, KI-WAN, DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH THE PURRY GIANT HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS...



DID I UNDERSTAND HIM CORRECTLY? DID HE MEAN THIS LEGENDARY CREATURE, SHETABI, ACTUALLY TALKED!



SHETABI HIGH, HIGHER THAN GREAT BROWN BEAR, SHETABI HAS EYES OF FIRE AND SHETABI SHAKE MOUNTAIN WHEN HE TALKS!



I'VE INTERVIEWED NINE PEOPLE FROM FOUR DIFFERENT TRIBES, DR. HOGUE... FIVE OF THEM INDICATED THE SHETABI HAS A LANGUAGE!



INCREDIBLE!

YOU NOT BELIEVE KI-WAN? I TAKE YOU... SHOW YOU SHETABI UP IN THE FIELDS OF SNOW!

WE WILL GO WITH YOU, KI-WAN!



SOMETIMES THE SHETABI COME DOWN FROM MOUNTAINS... BUT THEY ARE LIKE SPIRITS WHO WALK IN THE NIGHT... THEY ARE NEVER SEEN!



THIS WAS LATE AUGUST...THE THERMOMETER DROPPED TO 26 F. THAT NIGHT AND IN THE MORNING THEIR GUIDE, KI-WAN, LOOKED ANXIOUSLY TOWARD THE NORTHWEST WHERE STORMS WERE BORN!

THIS MORNING THE OTTER TOOK A FISH TO HIS LAIR... A STORM IS HIDING BEYOND THE SHINING MOUNTAIN!



KI-WAN WAS RIGHT... A STORM IS COMING ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN!

WE'VE GOT PONCHOS, LEW!



RAIN FIRST... BUT AFTER, IT GETS COLD... THEN SNOW COME!



THE STORM CAUGHT THEM TRAVERSING A TRAIL ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN... A DRIVING RAIN THAT CHILLED THEM TO THE BONE!



THE PATELLA IS BROKEN, LEW... I CAN'T GO ON... YOU AND KI-WAN CONTINUE WITHOUT ME!

I WON'T LEAVE YOU, DOCTOR!



MI-WAN, THE INDIAN, KNEW THE SCIENTIST COULDN'T WALK! HE STARED AT THEM A MOMENT, THEN...



HE'S LEAVING US, DOCTOR!



WE CAN'T STAY OUT HERE, DOC...WE'VE GOT TO FIND SHELTER BEFORE DARK!



IT'S NO USE, LEW, I CAN'T!
UNCH!

WATCH IT, DOC...
I SLIPPED!



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DOC...DOC, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

I CAN'T CARRY YOU, DOC!



BUT LEW RYSUN WOULDN'T ABANDON HIS COLLEAGUE... HE FOUGHT TO GET HIM TO HIS FEET...

W-WE'LL MAKE IT TOGETHER, DOC... OR WE'LL DIE TOGETHER!

FORGOTTEN WAS THE REASON WHY THEY'D CLIMBED UP TO THE PEAKS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES... NEITHER OF THEM CARED ABOUT HUNTING THE LEGENDARY SHEBAT! NOW... BUT THE SHEBAT! WAS THERE!



COME ON, DOC...THERE'S A CAVE IN THAT WALL... IF WE CAN REACH IT!



AAAGHH!



EXHAUSTED, NUMBED WITH COLD, LEW RYSUN FELT POWERFUL ARMS LIFT HIM EFFORTLESSLY...

I'M COLD... WE'LL FREEZE OUT HERE... FUNNY... FEELS LIKE I'M BEING CARRIED!



IS THIS
A NIGHT-
MARE?



THEN, HE WAS ALONE AGAIN... BUT
GRATEFUL FOR THE SHELTER FROM
THE STORM...

I'M LAYING ON
DRY GRASS AND
BALSAM BRANCHES
...THIS MUST BE
THE SHEBATI'S
LAIR!



IT'S BACK
...WITH
DR. HOGUE!

THE HUGE
CREATURE
SET THE
DOCTOR DOWN
AND SAT
THERE MOW-
LING AND
RUMBLING
DEEPLY AT
THEM... LEW
HESITATED,
UNWILLING TO
ANTAGONIZE
THE AWESOME
ANIMAL... BUT
DR. HOGUE
WAS IN PAIN,
SO...



I'VE GOT TO SPLINT YOUR LEG
DOCTOR! AND WE NEED A FIRE
OR YOU MAY DEVELOP
PNEUMONIA!

THE SHEBATI...
WHAT WILL
IT DO IF...

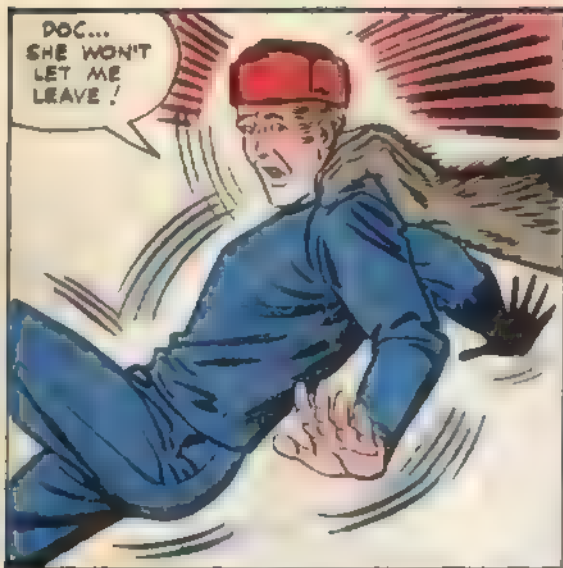
I DON'T
KNOW, DOC...
BUT WE'VE GOT
TO TAKE THE
CHANCE!

THERE WERE
PIECES OF WOOD
IN THE CAVE...
CLUB-SIZED
BRANCHES AND
LEW USED THE
DRIED GRASSES
AND THESE
STICKS TO START
A TINY FIRE!
SHEBATI MADE
STRANGE SOUNDS
AS THE FLAME
FLICKERED UP...
LEW REALIZED
IT WAS HAPPY!

LEW... ITS HAND... IT HAS
A THUMB... IT... IT'S ALMOST
MAN-LIKE!

IT SEEMS
TO BE GLAD
WHEN WE'RE
HERE, DOCTOR!



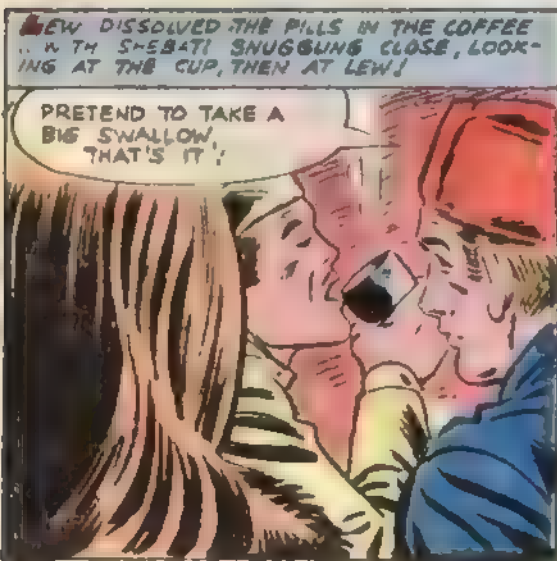


DOC...
SHE WON'T
LET ME
LEAVE!



I COULD THROW
THIS HOT COFFEE
AT HER, LEW...
BUT I WON'T!

NO... BUT YOU'VE GIVEN
ME AN IDEA! WE'VE
GOT PAIN-KILLERS IN
THE FIRST AID KIT...
LET THAT CUP OF
COFFEE COOL A
LITTLE!



LEW DISSOLVED THE PILLS IN THE COFFEE
... WITH SHEBATI SNUGGING CLOSE, LOOK-
ING AT THE CUP, THEN AT LEW!

PRETEND TO TAKE A
BIG SWALLOW.
THAT'S IT!



SHE LIKE'S IT, LEW...

NOW... WE'VE GOT
TO WAIT!



SHEBATI SLEPT... THEY PHOTOGRAPHED HER SLEEPING INVESTI-
GATED THE CAVE THEN WHEN KI-WAN S-OUTED FOR THEM
... THE RESCUERS AN HOUR LATER, THEY WERE READY
TO LEAVE!

I HAVE A THEORY
LEW... THAT SHEBATI'S
MATE MAY HAVE
DIED... SHE WAS
VERY LONELY!

END

SSSSSHHHH.....KEEP YOUR VOICES
DOWN WHILE I TAKE YOU ON A GUIDED
TOUR OF THIS OLD BURIAL GROUND THERE
ARE OTHER VISITORS HERE ALREADY, YOU SEE..
A REALLY GROSS BUNCH OF CATS....WHO GET
THEIR KICKS IN WEIRD WAYS! NOW THEY'RE
HASSLING OLD MR GEER...THE WATCHMAN WHO
HAS WORKED HERE FOR YEARS AND YEARS....
AND YEARS!

GET OUT OF
THIS GRAVEYARD ...
IT'S CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC
AFTER SUNDOWN!

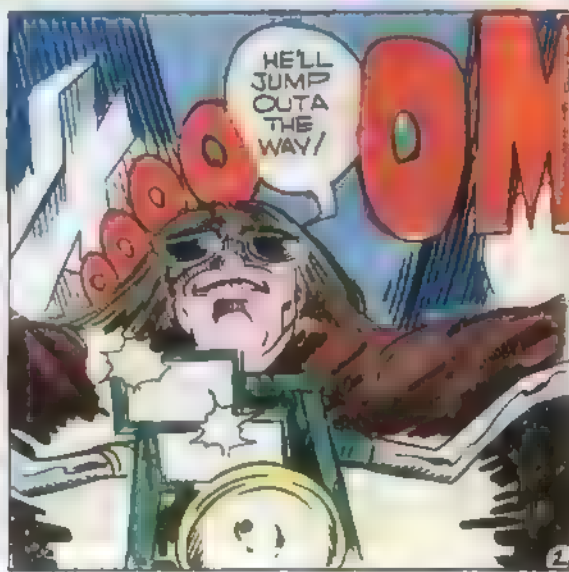
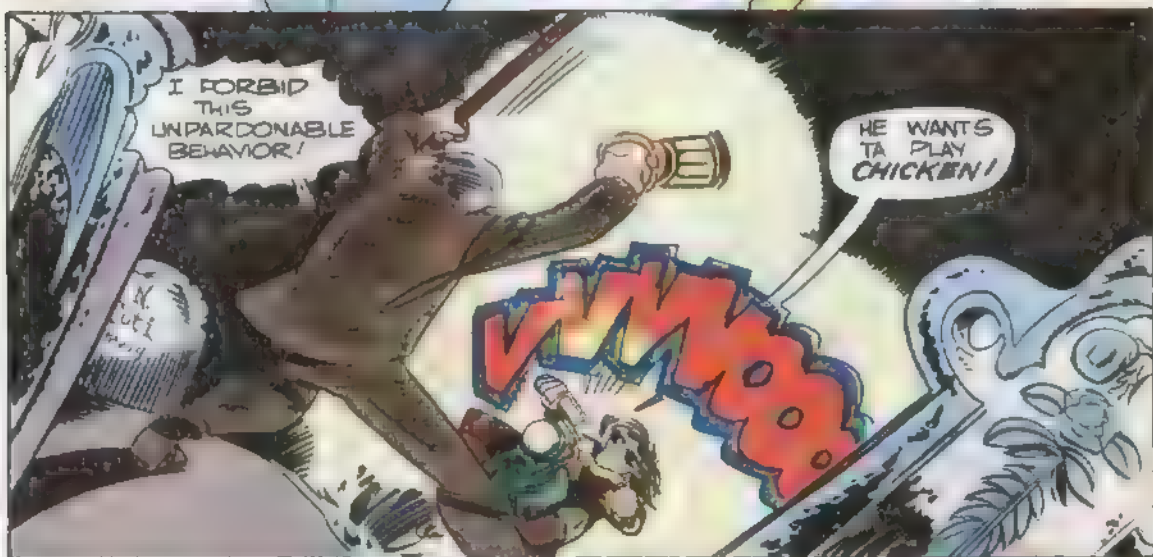
WE AIN'T
THE PUBLIC,
OLD MAN ..
WE'RE
SATAN'S
SINNERS ...
AN' WE
LIVE
HERE!

THE FUZZ HAS BEEN
HASSLIN' US, OLD MAN SO
I LOOKED AROUND FOR A
PLACE WHERE NOBODY'LL
BUG US! THIS IS IT ... THE
COPS WON'T LOOK
HERE

NEVER WALK ON A GRAVE!

(YOU MIGHT WAKE THE DEAD!)

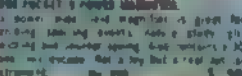
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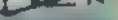
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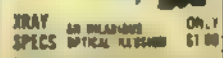
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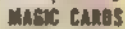
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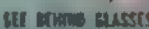
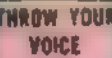
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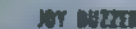
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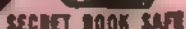
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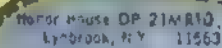
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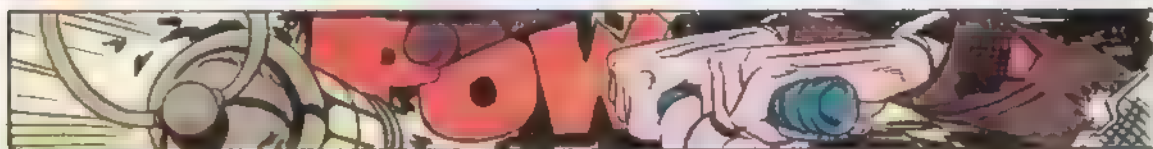
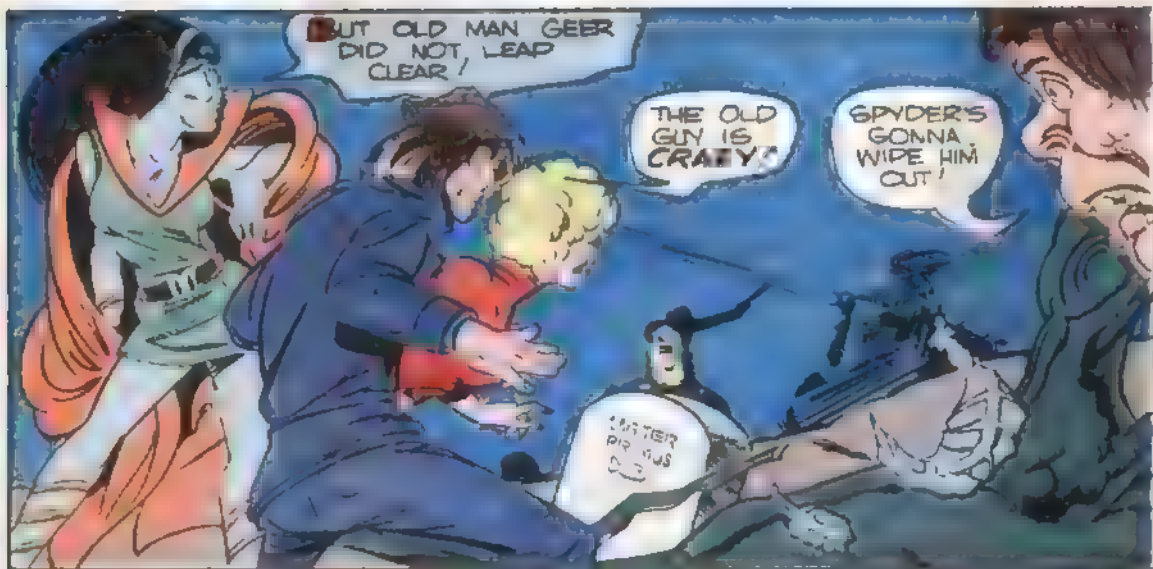


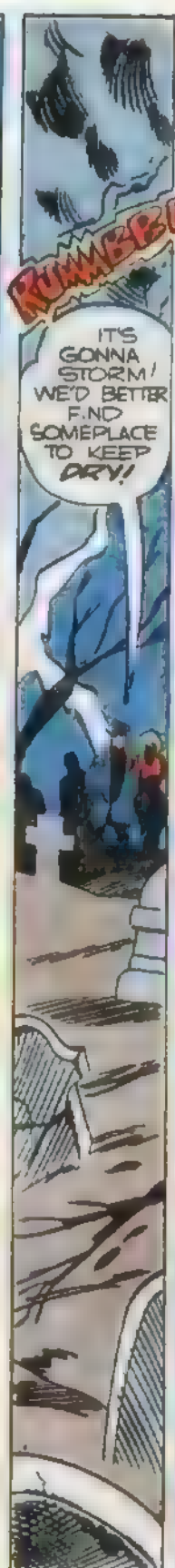
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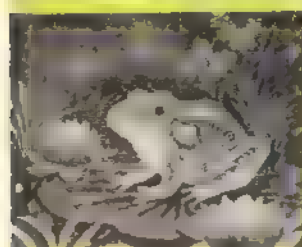
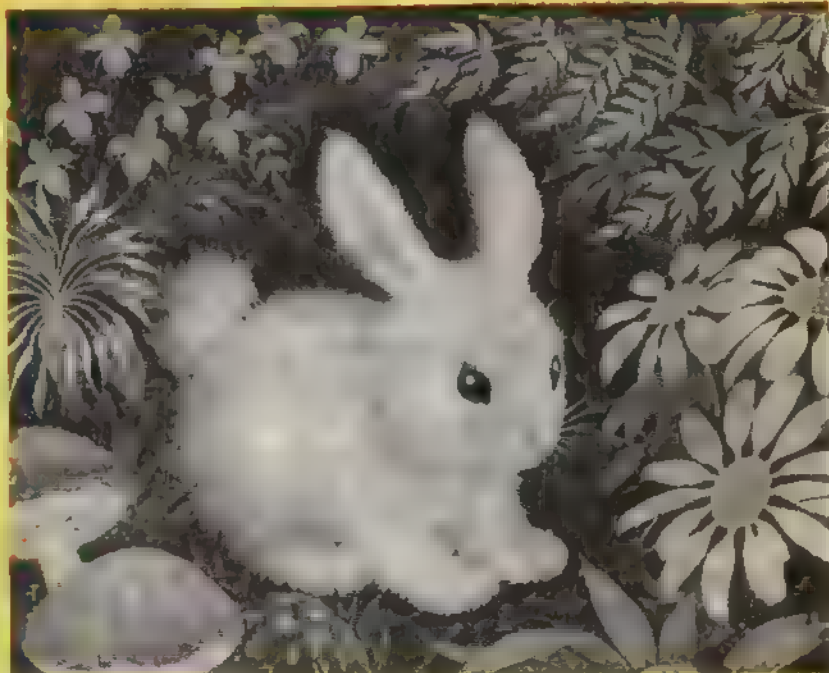




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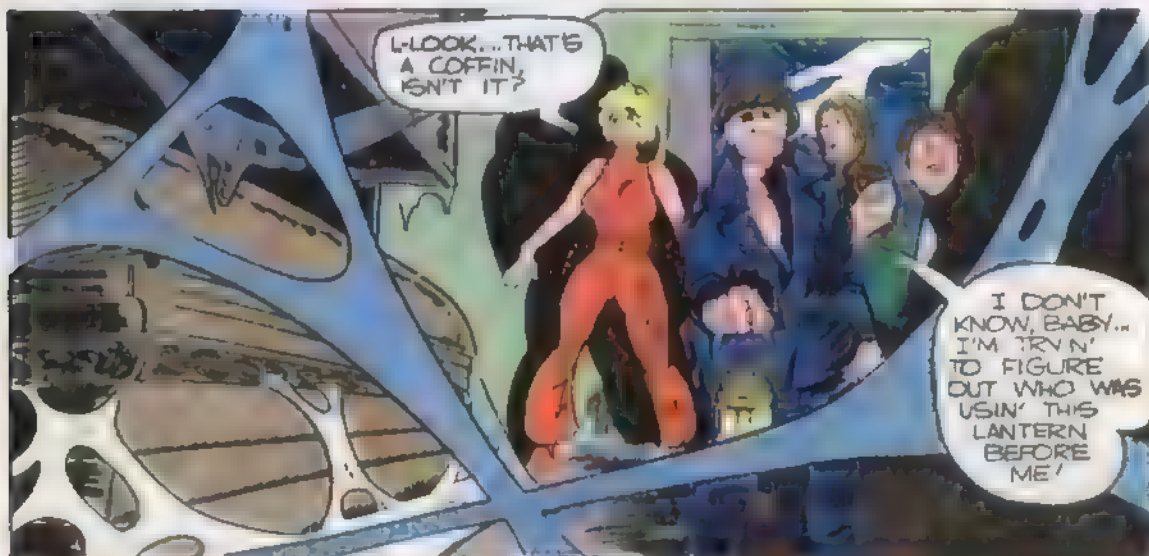
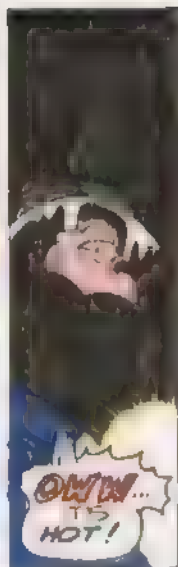
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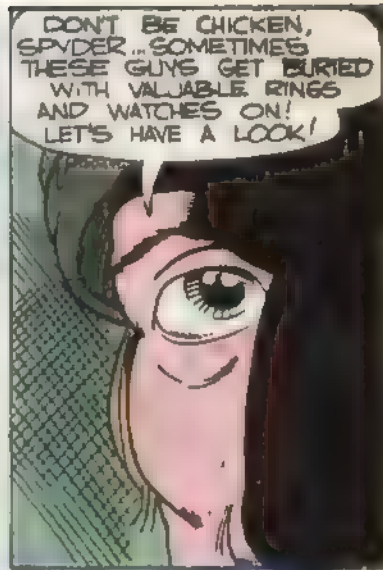
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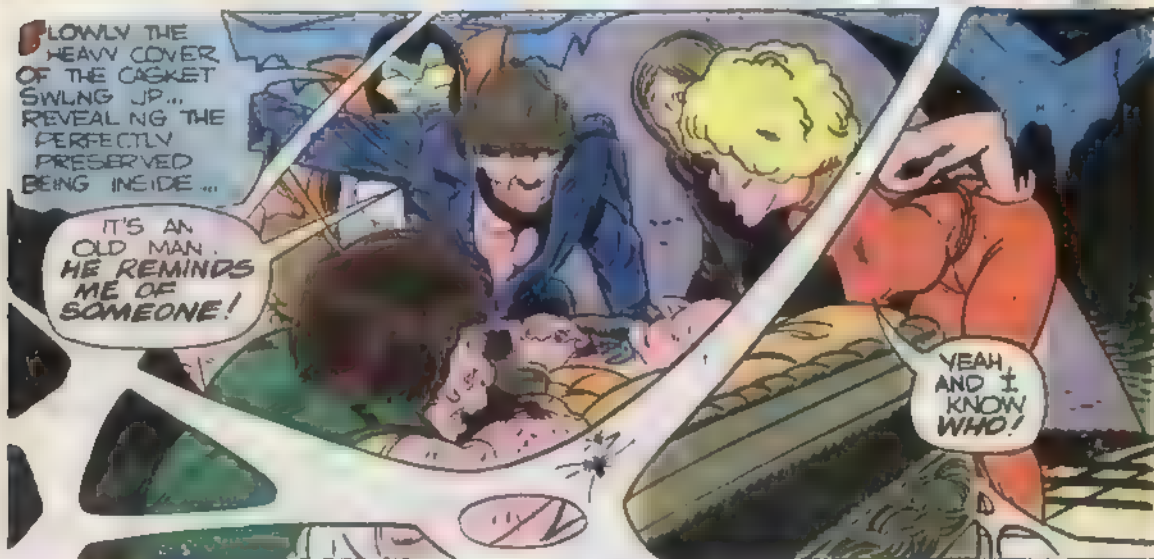


I WONDER...
IS **THIS**
WHERE THE
OLD MAN
SLEEPS?

THAT'S PRETTY
FUNNY,
RIGHT, UGG?



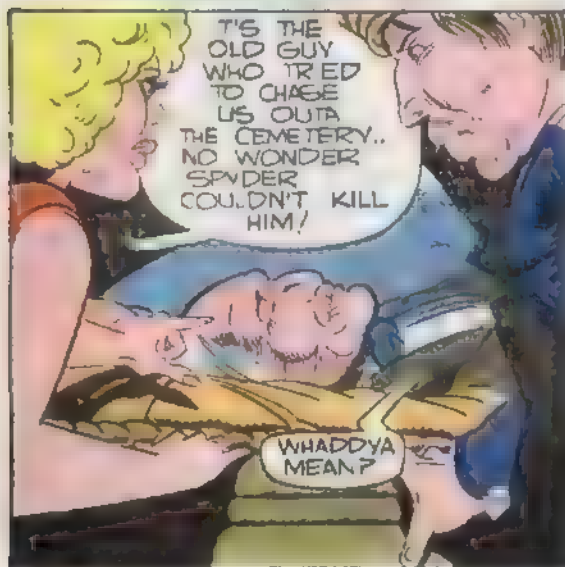
DON'T BE CHICKEN,
SPYDER... SOMETIMES
THESE GUYS GET BURIED
WITH VALUABLE RINGS
AND WATCHES ON!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



SLOWLY THE
HEAVY COVER
OF THE CASKET
SWUNG UP...
REVEALING THE
PERFECTLY
PRESERVED
BEING INSIDE...

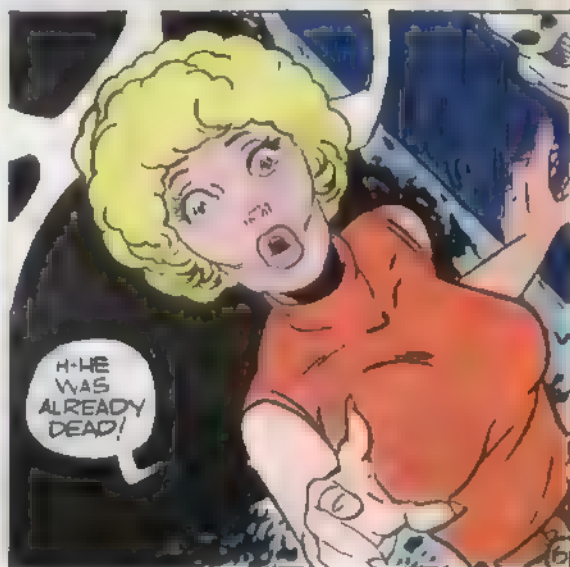
IT'S AN
OLD MAN.
HE REMINDS
ME OF
SOMEONE!

YEAH
AND I
KNOW
WHO!

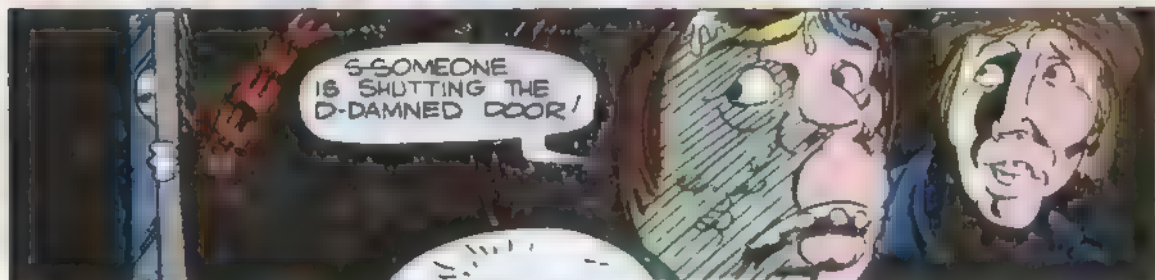


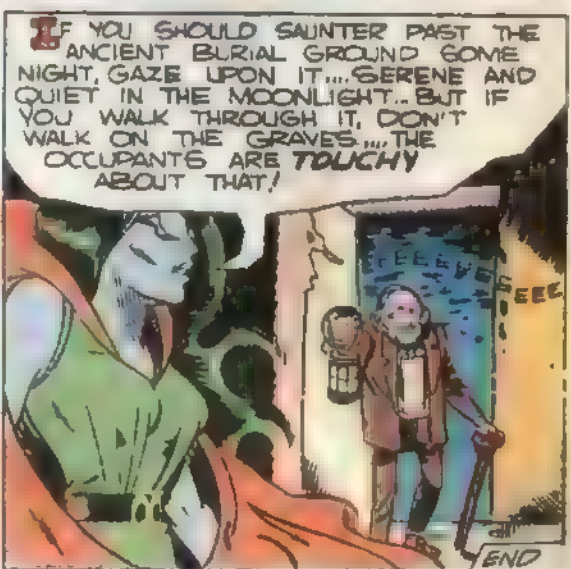
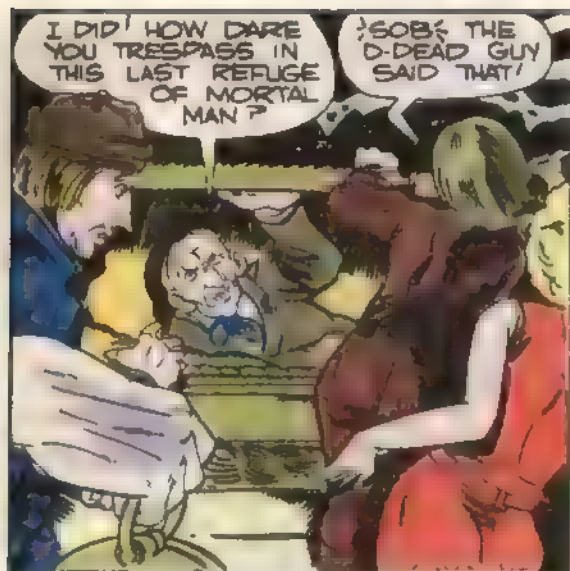
IT'S THE
OLD GUY
WHO TRIED
TO CHASE
US OUTA
THE CEMETERY..
NO WONDER
SPYDER
COULDN'T KILL
HIM!

WHADDYA
MEAN?



H-HE
WAS
ALREADY
DEAD!





ARE YOU YOU - OR WHO?

Have you anything to prove that you are you? So out comes your wallet. You show your driver's license, your social security card, membership cards, and other items. You even have your birth certificate at home. Just in case I want to see it. Next may take some time.

I want you to make a comprehensive list of all your abilities, skills, knowledge, good points, faults, physical condition, mental attitudes, religion, and everything else that at the given moment makes up YOU. I guess just now you feel I am satisfied that you are you. Wait a moment! Can you be somebody else? Can you change completely?

I see that you hesitate before answering that one. Because the answer is yes. There is an old saying: "A leopard cannot change his spots." Don't believe it. You actually can become an entirely different person. You can even forget who you are! You have heard about cases of amnesia. A person is found wandering and dazed. No identification on the man. Doesn't know who he is or what he does. But his fingerprints are taken. And it turns out he is a very well known business man in his home town. How did he get two thousand miles away from home? Nobody knows the answer to that one. But with time and proper care his "lost memory and identity" will generally return. One man is a famous musician. Suddenly he gets a "call." Not easy to explain. He goes to medical school. Studies and gets his M.D. degree. Then goes to Africa as a medical missionary. He becomes world famous. He still loves his music. But definitely he is another person. He had added something else on to his previous self. All this is the realm of the natural. Let us now turn to the realm of the supernatural.

Can "something" take over your body? Outwardly it is you but actually you are not you. Somebody or something else! For centuries and even today such a belief has been held in many parts of the world. When a person acts strangely we sometimes say: "What got into you?" The belief is that a spirit, ghost, or something evil can get into another person. If you look up the word "exorcise" in a large unabridged dictionary you will find something like the following: "1. To seek to expel (an evil spirit) by adjuration or religious or

solemn ceremonies; to exorcise a demon. 2. to deliver (a person, place, etc.) from evil spirits or malignant influence. Also: exercise."

There are a variety of books on Mythology you can read and enjoy. One startling resemblance is that in several of them you find the idea of the long conflict between Good and Evil. Bad spirits and good spirits. The conflict is for the possession of the soul of man. You even have some famous stories about the Demon or the Devil willing to buy the soul of a man. In return for wealth and power. And before you dismiss this I have to remind you that there are many people who accept the concept of Hell as a religious reality.

I have a background of Theology. So I can point out that if you accept the concept or believe in a Heaven where the good are rewarded then you have to logically accept the concept or belief in a Hell where the bad or evil people are punished. And at one time a lot of people meditated about this.

Turn to witchcraft. You may think of the standard witch as an ugly old lady riding a broom. Nothing of the sort! The witch was able to take any female form. And even appear as a very beautiful and charming woman. And the wizard or magician could appear in the human form of a young nobleman.

There is a joke that goes this way: "See that fellow over there? He thinks he is Napoleon. He must be crazy. Why? Because I am the one and only Napoleon in existence." We have people who think that they definitely are somebody else. Why? The Psychiatrist and the Psychologist can give you the answer to that one. I once read a book by a man who felt he was the son of a certain king. And my conclusion is that he really believed it to be so. I distinguish this from the imposter. I know of one man who claimed he was a member of nobility. However he found that people did not take him seriously.

The next time you hear of a person doing something terrible, try to reflect about it. We say, "He just wasn't human!" Well, what does that mean to you? Did something go wrong with his brain cells? Or was it possible that an evil spirit did take possession of him for even a short period of time?

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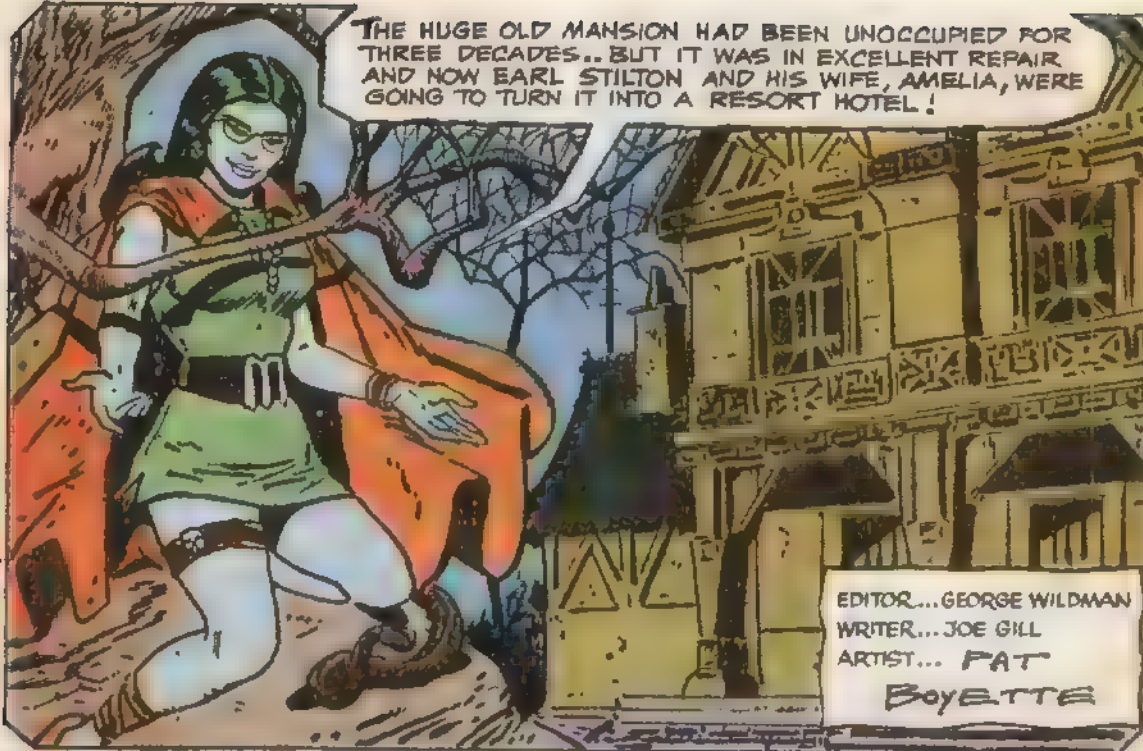
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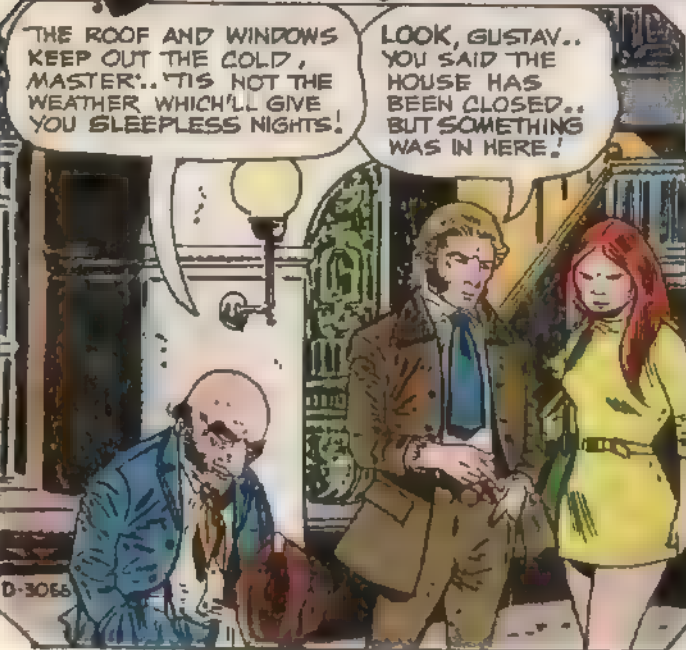


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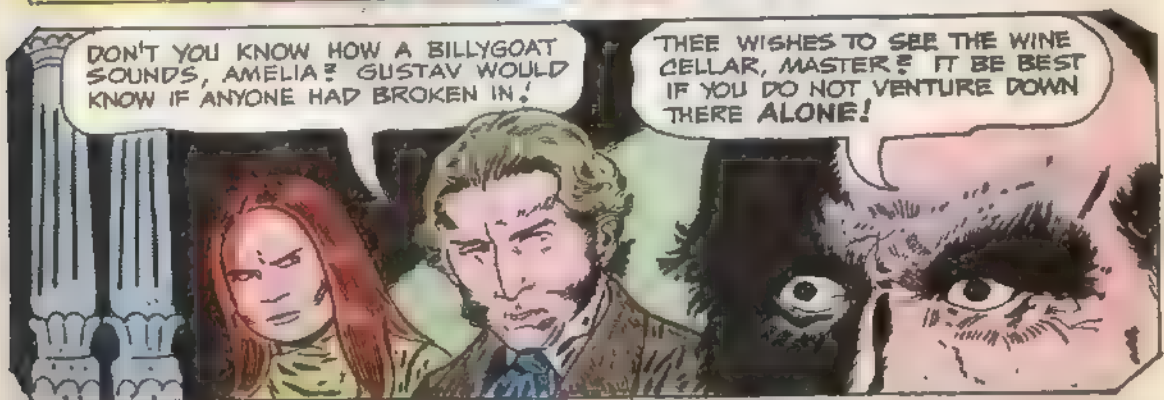
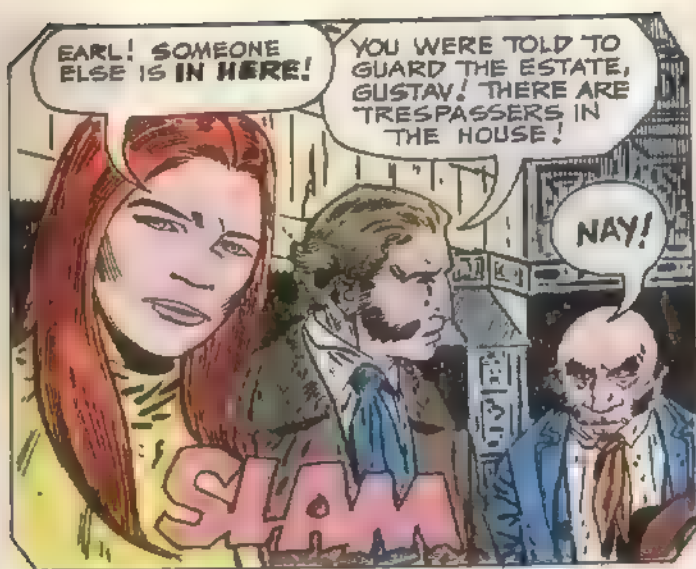


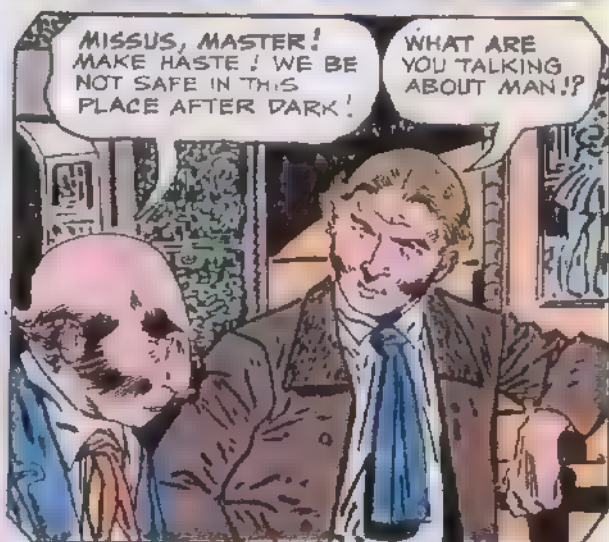
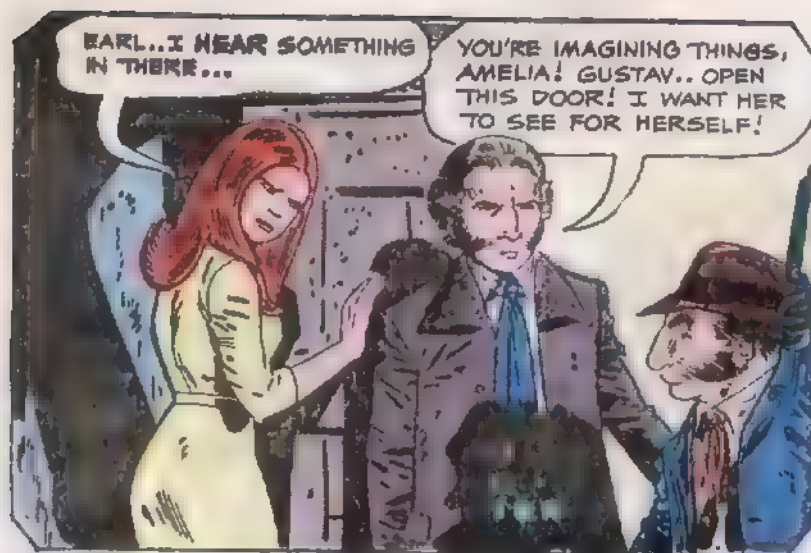
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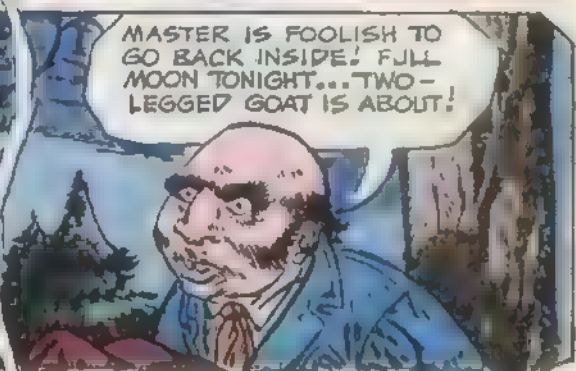
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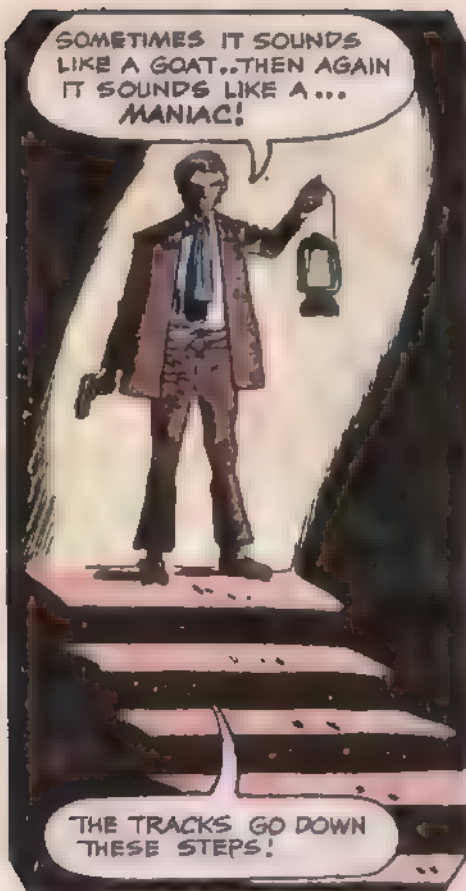


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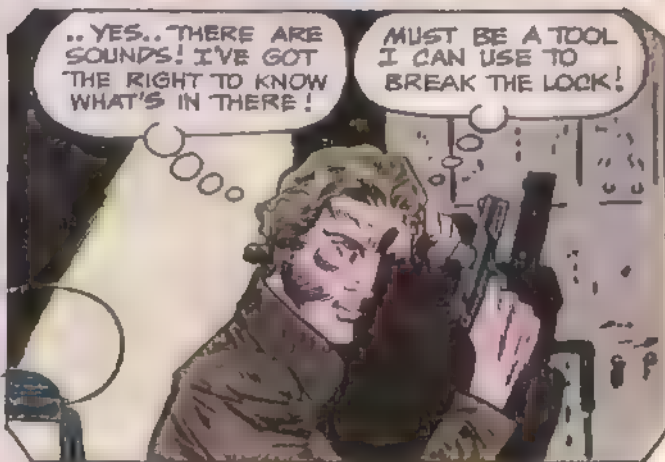


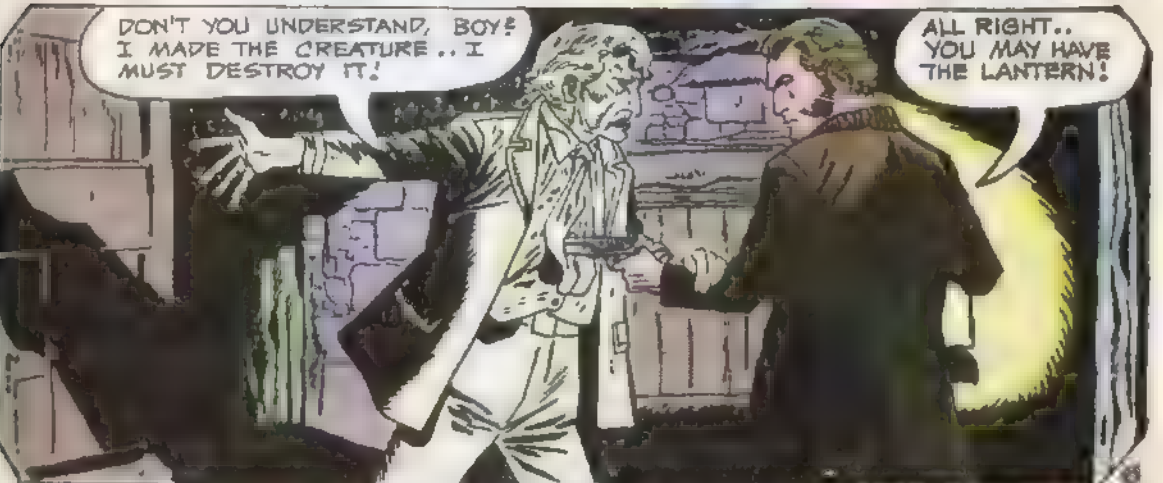






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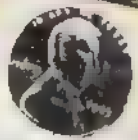
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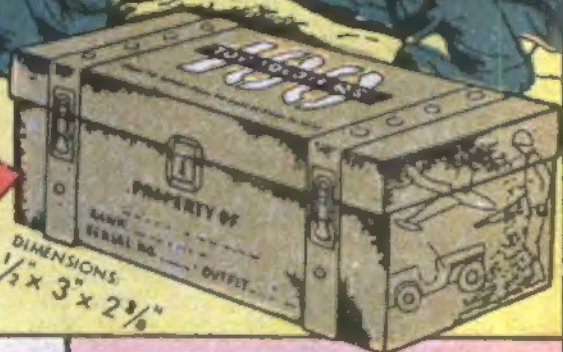
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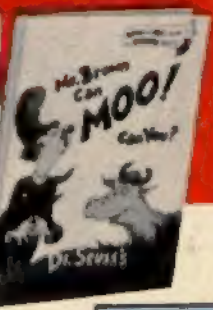
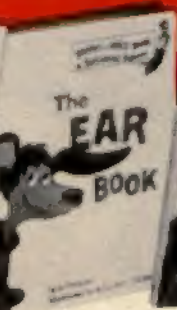
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